

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 222

By Senators Weld, Stuart, Trump, Caputo, Grady,

Chapman, and Smith

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to the Committee on Military]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §20-5-24, relating to the development of an incentive plan for West Virginia
 3 veterans which includes reductions and discounts in fees and charges at state parks.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. PARKS AND RECREATION.

§20-5-24. West Virginia veterans exempt from certain charges and fees.

1 (a) The director shall develop a plan that allows for free visitor passes to state parks and
 2 forests for veterans of this state.

3 (b) For purposes of this section, "veteran" means any West Virginia resident who has
 4 served as an active member of the armed forces of the United States, the National Guard, or a
 5 reserve component as described in 38 U.S.C. 36 §101. Notwithstanding any provision in this code
 6 to the contrary, a veteran must be honorably discharged or under honorable conditions as
 7 described in 38 U.S.C. §101.

8 (c) The director shall promulgate rules, including emergency rules, if necessary, to the
 9 Legislature in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt West Virginia veterans from certain charges and fees at state parks.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.